

## GRADUATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – February 23, 2012

### Meeting Location: Room 3007, Psychology Building

Present: Nolan Argyle, Mary Block, Michael Davey, Janet Foster, Alfred Fuciarelli (presiding), Fred Knowles, Jim Loughry, Ellice Martin (and for Rusty McClung), Linda Most (for Wallace Koehler), Corine Myers-Jennings, Michael Sanger, James Shrader (for Lyle Indergaard), Nancy Swanson, David Wasieleski, Maria Whyte, Ellen Wiley (for Dianne Dees), John Woodruff (for MCL), Raymond Young (for Bill Faux).  
Guests: Brenda Dyal, Sade Miller, Mike Savoie, Rebecca Waters, Teresa Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli at 1:35 PM.

The minutes from the February 2 meeting were approved.

### ARTS

Revised Catalog Copy – MMED and MMP: Motion was made to approve; seconded. James Shrader reported that the music programs are opting to drop the GRE/MAT test requirements for admission to their program because scores are no longer predictors of student performance. Other programs are considering a similar change; the MLIS program has also dropped the GRE requirement. MMED students must be certified to teach and MMP students must undergo auditions as part of meeting admissions standards to these programs. The proposals were approved.

Revised Course – COMM 7999: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Raymond Young explained that the MA in Communication Arts program was changing thesis hours from 6 to 1 to 6 credit hours. This will allow students a better option for working on thesis without have to pay full tuition and fees for 6 credit hours each semester. The proposal was approved.

Revised Courses – MUSC 5101, 5102, 5500, 5510, 6510, 6520, 6540, 6550, 6760, 7040, 7530, 7650: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Shrader said that the proposals were asking for a change in credit hours and a change in pre-requisites. The changes will allow a better selection of electives and eliminate so many directed studies. The change will drop MUSC 1100 as a pre-requisite. The proposals were approved.

New Course – MUSC 6050: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Shrader reported that the new course can serve as an elective for all students, particularly if education majors wanting to teach music in schools or at the technical college, college, or university level. The proposal was approved.

Deactivation of MUSC 5170, 6450, 6460, 6570, 6580, 7722: (For informational purposes) Courses are no longer taught.

### ARTS & SCIENCES

New Course – PADM 7600: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Nolan Argyle explained that the course was dual listed at one time but survey information revealed a need for expansion on policy courses to meet student needs and professional demands. The course was approved.

Curriculum Change – MPA Program: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Dr. Argyle mentioned that the program's accrediting body recommended that the MPA program stress analytic development especially since many MPA graduates are hired as analysts. The change would better prepare them for the workforce. The proposal was approved.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

New Program – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): Motion was made to approve; seconded. Brenda Dyal reported that certifying bodies asked to make the transition to offering the DNP by 2013 so that by 2015 more nurse practitioners with doctorates will be in the workforce. The education level of nurses has elevated in line with that of pharmacists and physical therapists. The proposal was approved.

New Courses – NURS 9011, 9100, 9110, 9120, 9130, 9200, 9210, 9220, 9230, 9300, 9310, 9400, and 9410: Motion was made to approve; seconded. The nurse practitioner essentials were chosen based on recommendations by the AACN and other programs, as well as a consultant with favorable response to the new program. The proposals were approved.

New Program Proposal – DNP: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Maria Whyte said that the University System of Georgia requires this proposal in order to begin the process of creating a new program. Documentation supporting the proposal is included. The program will be offered as a hybrid with the main program being offered online. It was suggested that the paragraph on page 62 be reworded for clarity. The proposal was approved with changes.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

Revised Catalog Copy – Enrollment by Undergraduates: Motion was made to approve; seconded. Alfred Fuciarelli explained that the proposal addresses the issue of undergraduates taking graduate level courses that deficiency points will apply. The proposal was approved.

## OTHER BUSINESS

1. Graduate Student Symposium – Friday, April 20, 2012. Time: 3:00-6:00 pm. A Call for Nominations was distributed to committee members. Deadline for submission has been moved to March 21 due to spring break.
2. Undergraduate Research Symposium – April 4-6, 2012. Preparations are ongoing.
3. Graduate Student Strategic Assistantships – A draft of the application for GSSA awards with a proposed deadline of April 1, 2012, was distributed. The GSSA Stipend Committee met on Friday, February 17, to review applications.
4. Spring Graduate Faculty Applications – There are 23 applications for renewal of status and 13 new applications. Nominations will be available for the March 29 meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, at 3:00 pm.

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Teresa Williams, Recorder

*Alfred F. Fuciarelli*

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